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## **KANSAS MAN CHARGED WITH USING A COMPUTER IN ATTEMPT TO ENTICE A MINOR FOR SEX**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas man was charged in federal court today with using a computer in an attempt to entice a minor for sex.

**Tyler M. Leach**, 23, of Lawrence, Kan., was charged with using a computer to attempt to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo., this morning.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Leach** contacted an undercover law enforcement officer, whom he believed was a 14-year-old girl, through an Internet chatroom and discussed sexual acts. Through e-mail and instant messaging, **Leach** later made arrangements to meet the girl at her home when he thought her parents would be at work. He was arrested when he arrived for that meeting on March 10, 2005.

In a search of **Leach's** vehicle, the affidavit says, law enforcement officers found a list of Web sites, many with titles that indicate an interest in underage females. They also found screen names and information about other individuals, including two 12-year-old girls **Leach** met on-line.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia L. Phillips. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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